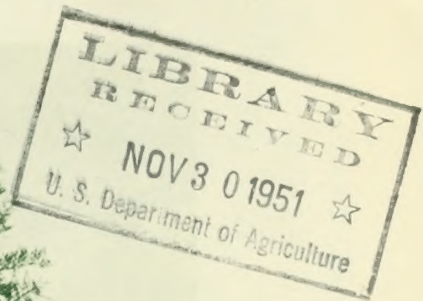


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GARLAND WREATH

Description on inside page

THE AIKEN NURSERIES, PUTNEY, VERMONT

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No. 4 20-inch wreath with continuous decoration of cones and berries. This is a most beautiful and practical wreath.
\$5.00 each

GARLAND WREATH SHOWN ON FRONT COVER

The 20-inch Garland Wreath is one of the handsomest we make. Several large cones and sprays are arranged in a design at the bottom, other cones and red berries enliven the whole wreath and a big, red ribbon bow is placed at the top.

\$6.00 each

NATURAL BALSAM

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

These wreaths are all made of fragrant Balsam, the evergreen with the delightful and lasting fragrance. This material we gather painstakingly **after the natural shedding of needles has taken place**. Trimmed with various evergreen cones and with bright berries, our wreaths are strongly made and will last for much more than the usual period of time. Many of our patrons keep them for the entire year in order to fully enjoy their lasting fragrance.



BASKET WREATH

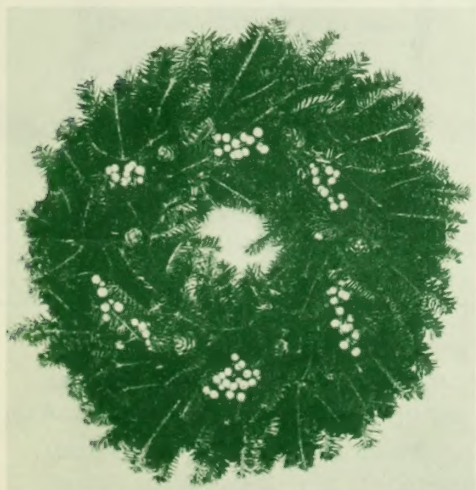
An unusual little wreath, about 12 inches across, made and decorated to look like a Balsam basket filled with berries and cones. The handle is wound with Balsam and trimmed with red ribbon.

\$3.00 each

BASKET WREATH "JUNIOR"

A tiny wreath with little ribbon bow exactly like our big Basket Wreath. Just the thing for the friend who should have something between a greeting card and a gift. About 8 inches across.

\$1.50 each



NO. 1 WREATH

No. 1 Wreath: 12-inch wreath with cones and sprays of red berries.

\$2.00 each



NO. 0 WREATH

No. 0 Wreath: This plump little 8-inch wreath of Balsam, trimmed with cones and red Winterberries is just the thing for use indoors above fireplaces, at windows and other special spots.

\$1.50 each

CEMETERY WREATH

A 20-inch wreath decorated with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of red berries. Built on a frame, it is designed especially for memorial use.

\$5.00 each



NO. 5 WREATH

No. 5 Wreath: A large 30-inch wreath built on a rigid frame, designed for use where special strength is desirable. Particularly adapted for store or bank use, in a church scheme or any large setting. Decorated with cones, catkins and berries, this is an exquisite thing.

\$9.00 each

Red ribbon bow, 75c extra



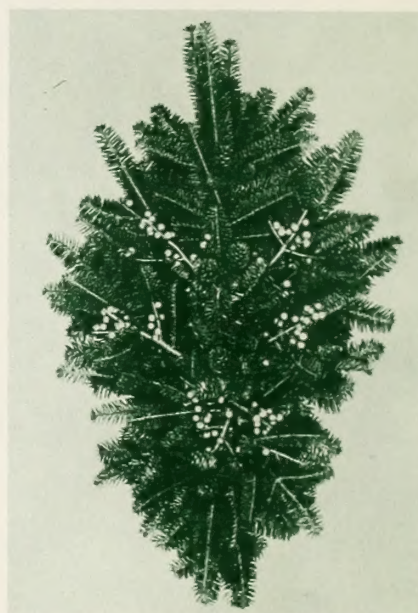
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Beautiful - - Fragrant



CONE SPRAY

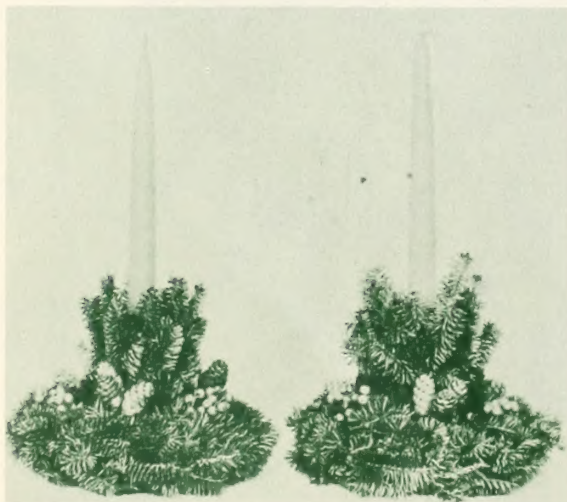
A dainty spray of large and small cones woven together with Balsam and wired ready for hanging. Ten inches long. **\$1.50 each**



BALSAM DOOR SPRAY

Door Spray: Novel for hanging on doors instead of the conventional wreath. It is 25 inches long, made of Balsam decorated with cones and red Ilex berries. **Each, \$3.00**

CHRISTMAS CANDLESTICKS



NORWAY PINE DOOR SPRAY

A very graceful door spray, similar to the one illustrated on our front cover, made of Norway pine branches having long dark green needles. This door spray is trimmed with a red ribbon bow and is hung with coppery Christmas bells which ring a greeting whenever the door is opened. See spray in picture on roping page. **18-20 inches long, \$3.50 each**

WHITE PINE BRANCHES WITH CONES

This year there is a profusion of perfect White Pine Cones. These we are wiring to long, graceful, White Pine sprays and may be had as follows: **12-18 in., \$3.50 per 12.**

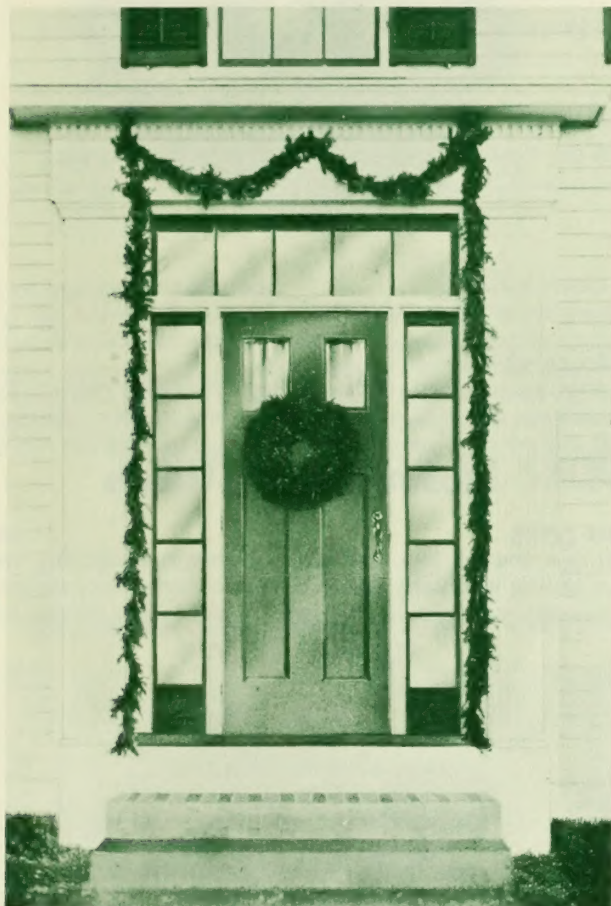
Made of Balsam tips, red berries and cones on a sturdy frame. About 9 inches across, furnished with 10-inch candles.

\$2 each, \$3.50 per pair

DO YOUR OWN DECORATING

SPECIAL SPRAY BOXES: These are boxes of 50 evergreens and berried sprays and cones to delight the artistic homemaker. The sprays are 12 to 18 inches long. One of these boxes sent to city-dwellers makes an unusual and appreciated gift.

This year evergreens are heavily laden with nut brown cones. We are able to offer lovely coned sprays and brilliant red Mountain Holly berries in long clusters. **Price per box (evergreens with cones, Balsam Fir, Silvery Juniper and red berries), \$4.00. One half box \$2.25.**



OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND GIFTS, are found on the front door — by the living room fireplace — on the dining room table and finish with delicious Vermont apples and popcorn by the kitchen stove —
— if you still have one.

EVERGREEN SPRAYS WITHOUT CONES

- Balsam:** Its spicy fragrance and failure to shed its needles wins preferred status for indoor use. **\$1.00 per 12**
- Hemlock:** Handsome, dark green, glistening foliage in flat sprays suitable for table decorations. **75c per 12**
- Juniper:** With bronzy brown sprays which makes them ideal for baskets and bowls. After it is discarded as a decoration, burn it in your fireplace for its pungent fragrance. **75c per 12**
- Red Cedar:** Dark green, graceful sprays, attractive from all sides. Fine for baskets or bowls. **75c per 12**
- Red Spruce without Cones:** Rich bright green. A vivid Christmas shade. **75c per 12**

AN OLD NEW ENGLAND FIREPLACE

Decorated with the Complete Fireplace Set

The fireplace is the center of family life at Christmas time, as well as in the long winter evenings ahead. We have several things to offer which make it still more attractive.

Complete Fireplace Set: 5 yards of Beautiful Balsam Roping, 1 No. 1 Wreath, 2 Christmas Candlesticks and 2 bushels of Cones for burning. You can see what an attractive arrangement results from this set. Until you have tried it you will have to imagine the delicate spicy aroma which accompanies it to permeate the entire house and to remind you of the glorious northern forests. **\$9.00 per set**

Balsam Needles for Burning: When burned in the fireplace, they fill the house with a delightful fragrance. **50c per pound, 5 pounds for \$2.00**

Fireplace Cones: Ideal for burning in fireplaces for their glow and fragrance. Put up in two-bushel sacks at **\$2.00 per sack**

Juniper for Burning: When holiday time comes and you are sitting in front of your blazing fire, try throwing on a little Juniper. Its cheery crackling and delicious fragrance are the very essence of Christmas. **40c per pound, 5 pounds for \$1.75**

EVERGREEN ROPING

Balsam Roping: The finest material for indoor use, as it does not shed its needles as does Spruce, nor curl like Holly or Laurel, and will serve for weeks, if desired. Its fragrance accentuates its value.

Medium Grade **5-yard strips, \$3.00 each; 10 yds., \$5.00**

Fireplace Roping: A 6-ft. strip of dainty roping made of balsam and trimmed with sprays of other evergreen, cones, and berries. In the center, to be attached over fireplace, is an arrangement of large cones and berries with 3 ft. of roping on each side. **\$6.00 each**

White Pine Roping: An attractive roping made of the blue-green White Pine. **5 yds., \$1.50; 10 yds., \$2.50**

Hemlock Roping: A very beautiful graceful roping, fine for outdoor decorating, but will last for only a few days indoors. **5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50**

Arbor Vitae Roping: Beautiful light green festooning, decidedly aromatic. **5 yds., \$2.00; 10 yds., \$3.50**



NO. 3 WREATH

No. 3 Wreath: 20-inch wreath with 5 large cones and 5 sprays of berries. A simple but impressive wreath.
\$3.50 each

EVERGREEN CROSSES



18-Inch Cross

These attractively decorated crosses of Balsam may be lighted for home or church decoration if desired. They are strongly made on frames and will retain their beauty throughout the winter.
18-inch size, \$5.00 each

CHRISTMAS STARS



18-Inch Christmas Star

Like our wreaths, these stars are made of fragrant Balsam and decorated with appropriate cones and berries. Many people wire them for electric lights, which make them exquisitely beautiful at night.

18-inch size, \$7.50 each

BERRIED SPRAYS

Bittersweet: Brilliant orange berries with lighter orange reflex. Fine for all kinds of winter decorations as well as window boxes, as they last well indefinitely. 12-18-inch sprays.

\$1.50 per 12



NO. 2 WREATH

No. 2 Wreath: A 15-inch Balsam wreath trimmed with 5 sprays of cones and 5 sprays of red berries.
\$2.50 each

Red ribbon bow, 25c extra

SUGARING IN VERMONT



MAPLE SYRUP

No sweeter or more appreciated gift than a quart can of genuine Vermont Grade A Maple Syrup. This is the kind that money can't buy in most places.

While we have only enough left to offer in quart cans this Christmas, we will gladly furnish you with gallon or half gallon cans when the new crop comes on next spring.

Price, quarts only \$1.75

VERMONT APPLES

In the hill orchards of Vermont are grown the most superbly flavored and brilliantly colored apples. They are famous everywhere for quality. Four varieties: **McIntosh**, **Northern Spy**, **Cortland**, and **Delicious**. Specify variety desired.

Per cardboard carton of 96 3-in. apples individually packed for	\$5.50
48 Individual pack	\$3.50
24 Individual pack	\$2.50
12 Individual pack	\$1.75

BEAR PAW POPCORN

Genuine old-time Bear Paw Popcorn very much superior to any other Popcorn grown, but it is almost unobtainable in the markets. We are selling this corn on the ear so that you may be sure that you are getting the genuine Bear Paw, except in California which admits shelled corn only.

25c per pound, 8 pounds for \$1.75

CUT CHRISTMAS TREES DIRECT TO YOUR HOME FROM THE VERMONT HILLS

Our Christmas trees are not the ordinary irregular type trees with which the market is flooded every season, but are full rounded symmetrical shaped. Both Spruce and Balsam Fir can be supplied. Spruce is the better shape in the smaller sizes but can not be kept in a warm room more than a few days without dropping its needles. Balsam may be kept in the house all through the holiday season, without dropping the needles. Its rich, dark green coloring and alluring fragrance of the North woods, make it the ideal tree for indoor use.

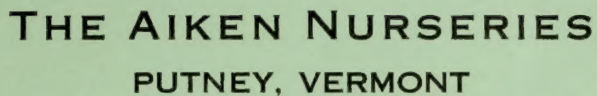
1 ½ to 2 feet	\$1.00 each
2 to 3 feet	1.50 each
3 to 4 feet	2.00 each
4 to 5 feet	2.50 each
5 to 6 feet	4.00 each
6 to 7 feet	5.00 each
7 to 8 feet	7.50 each
8 to 10 feet	10.00 each

Prices are for burlap wrapped trees, to be shipped by express. Price on larger sizes on request.

DON'T FORGET

That we grow a large assortment of TREES and PLANTS — EVERGREENS — PERENNIAL SHRUBS — WILDFLOWERS and FRUIT TREES.

Be sure to get our Spring Catalog if you plan to do any planting.



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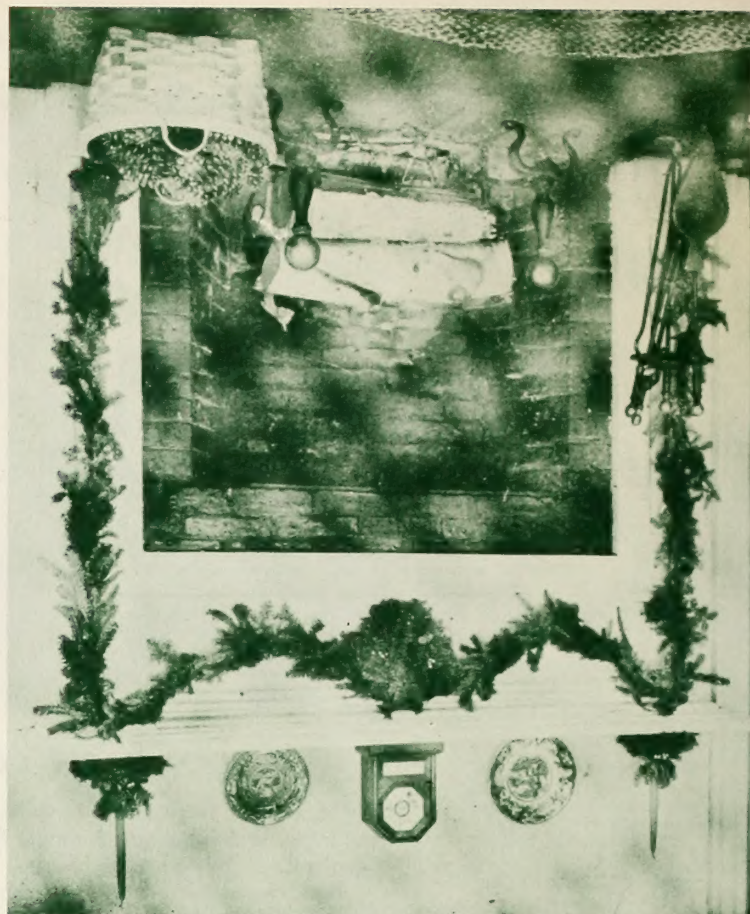
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